

Kim Romano HB 5537

Hello my name is Kim Romano and I live in Southbury, Connecticut. I am writing to you with the hopes to add expansion language to the following bill: *House Bill 5537, An Act Concerning the Department of Public Health's Recommendations Regarding Revisions to the Public Health Statutes.*

The Connecticut Naturopathic Physicians Association (CNPA) is going to testify [this Friday, March 14th](#) to the Legislature about updating, modernizing, and expanding the Naturopathic Scope of Practice. PLEASE SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS. Our scope expansion includes three elements: 1) Prescriptive authority for a defined list of drugs; 2) Authority to write orders for medical devices and durable medical equipment; and 3) Ability to perform minor procedures in-office.

These changes are necessary for the people of Connecticut in order to:

- **improve healthcare access**
- **improve healthcare continuity**
- **improve coordination of care**
- **meeting primary care needs**
- **enhanced education and training**
- **consistency with ND scope across states**
- **cost and time savings to patients and 3rd party payers**

I truly appreciate any help you can give for this matter.

Sincerely,

Kim Romano